

1846 Peterson Lane
Santa Rosa, CA 95403
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RE: Proceeding 04-405

FCC Commissioners:

I urge you to reject BellSouth's petition asking the FCC to stop regulating broadband service. BellSouth's argument that deregulation is beneficial because they already control a huge portion of the broadband market in their service area is an example of a near-monopoly requesting a full monopoly of a service they offer. Of course companies such as BellSouth want monopolies, then they can charge whatever they wish, provide or not provide services as they see fit, and we consumers are the losers. Their motive is profit, not service.

Giving a telephone company a monopoly over broadband service will shut out other providers and limit the choices of consumers. I really like my independent Internet Service Provider. I do not want my telephone company to control all my telephone and internet service. I want an independent provider for my internet connection. Regulation of broadband services works fine now. Please do not change your oversight of this important service.

Sincerely,

Richard Nosker